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The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and has the honour to submit herewith the report of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on the measures taken to implement Security Council resolution 2321 (2016) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 28 April 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

Report of Viet Nam on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016)

Pursuant to paragraph 36 of Security Council resolution 2321 (2016), Viet Nam hereby submits its report on the measures taken to implement this resolution as follows.

1. Overview

It is the consistent policy of Viet Nam to support disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons. Viet Nam has always fully implemented its obligations under relevant Security Council resolutions and has submitted related reports (S/AC.49/2007/9, S/AC.49/2009/31, S/AC.49/2013/20 and S/AC.49/2016/36).

Resolution 2321 (2016) was promptly translated into Vietnamese and disseminated to all relevant ministries, agencies and local authorities. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to be the Government agency responsible for the implementation of the resolution with an inter-agency focal-point mechanism for smooth communication among ministries, agencies and local authorities. The relevant ministries, agencies and local authorities have disseminated the contents of the resolution to subsidiary bodies, entities and individuals, including businesses operating within the territory or under the jurisdiction of Viet Nam, and conducted reviews to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the resolution.

2. Implementation measures

In addition to the information provided in the previous reports on the implementation of Security Council resolutions relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Viet Nam hereby reports on some updates and the implementation of concrete provisions of resolution 2321 (2016) as follows:

(a) Freezing of assets and other economic resources (mentioned in para. 3)

The State Bank of Viet Nam is tasked with the State management of the activities of all financial and banking institutions in Viet Nam. The State Bank has disseminated new contents and measures of the resolution and continues to take necessary measures to ensure its implementation.

(b) Expulsion, entry and transit of individuals (mentioned in paras. 3, 15 and 33)

Viet Nam has listed 11 individuals, designated in annex I to resolution 2321 (2016), under the category "not eligible for entry", in accordance with the 2014 law on the entry, exit, transit and residence of foreigners in Viet Nam. Relevant authorities in Viet Nam continue to cooperate to strictly monitor and ensure the implementation of the measures of Security Council resolutions regarding these individuals.

(c) Export, import, transfer and inspection of goods (mentioned in paras. 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29 and 30)

Vietnamese agencies have been informed of and updated on the new contents and measures. Vietnamese businesses and foreign businesses in Viet Nam have also

been informed of the relevant contents of the resolution for implementation. Vietnamese authorities have carried out thorough reviews and found no information on actions relating to the goods and activities prohibited by the resolution. The country has implemented serious measures relating to cargo inspection, including personal luggage and checked baggage that originates in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is destined for the country or has been brokered or facilitated by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or its nationals or by individuals or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction or entities owned or controlled by them or by designated individuals or entities. Vietnamese authorities have strengthened their monitoring and have not found any violations.

(d) Leasing, chartering or registering vessels, providing insurance or reinsurance services to vessels and provision or procurement of crew services from and to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (mentioned in paras. 8, 9, 22, 23 and 24)

No regular or chartered flights have been authorized or carried out between Viet Nam and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. There are no transactions on vessel and aircraft chartering or leasing and no goods transportation activities by rail or road. Vietnamese airlines do not hire any crew members, flight attendants or technical personnel from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(e) Financial measures (mentioned in paras. 16, 17, 18, 31, 32, 34 and 35)

The State Bank of Viet Nam has carried out many system-wide reviews of the banking and financial institution system in Viet Nam to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the resolution and is monitoring the situation closely to detect related activities, if any.

No Vietnamese bank has representative offices, subsidiaries or bank accounts in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Viet Nam has also investigated and found that that there are no representative offices, branches of financial organizations or designated entities of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea operating in Viet Nam.

3. Conclusion

As a responsible Member of the United Nations, Viet Nam will continue to seriously implement relevant Security Council resolutions and cooperate closely with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) to implement resolution 2321 (2016).

Viet Nam again requests that the Security Council consider its proposal, which was mentioned in the conclusion of its report on the implementation of resolution 2270 (2916), S/AC.49/2016/36.